

Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance

Remote Meeting Agenda

4/20/22

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Regular Business

1. Introductions

Upcoming Events and Announcements

1. [Riverkeeper Sweep: May 7](#): Update on RCWA Projects
 - a. Kerhonkson Bridge (Rondout) and going North from there Clean-up for Sweep
 - b. Possible Wawarsing / Marbletown / Rochester ECC collaboration for sweep
2. Saturday, April 23, at 2:00 pm, the Rosendale Theatre will screen the film A Birder's Guide to Everything with a post-film discussion featuring Drs. Megan Gall, Associate Professor of Biology at Vassar College, and Bruce Robertson, Associate Professor of Biology at Bard College. This event is presented through the Theatre's Science on Screen® series.

Old Business

1. Honk Lake Dam
 - a. Follow-up: Ben to confirm contact for Andrew re: plant/tree growing and permaculture possibilities

New Business

1. Letter of Support: Kenwood Mill Dam Removal
 - a. *“Kenwood Mill Dam no longer serves any functional purpose, and poses an ecological problem to the health of Mill Creek and to several species of fish that are in serious decline. Removal of the six foot dam will facilitate passage for both river herring and American eel — restoring roughly one mile of free river to the main-stem of the Hudson River for migratory fish.”*
2. RCWA leadership discussion
3. Seeking input on site selection in the Black River, Chemung River, and Lower Hudson Riverwatersheds for the 2022 NYSDEC Rotating Integrated Basin Studies (RIBS) sampling season. We invite you to recommend sampling locations using an online form (<https://arcg.is/Crzen>) and to join us for a discussion of these locations at the “kick off webinar” to be held on Tuesday, May 3 from 2-4 PM. any Questions, contact Meredith Streeter, P.E., Chief, Stream Monitoring and Assessment Section, Division of Water, NYSDEC at (518) 402-8213
4. The Rondout Neversink Stream Program is looking two fill two part time positions to assist with ecological restoration projects on the Neversink River this Spring/Summer. You will learn hands-on practical skills for the design and implementation of plant propagation, permaculture, regenerative agriculture, environmental engineering, and ecological restoration. Our office is in Grahamsville with most field sites in the Claryville area. Please share with anyone you think might be interested. Great opportunity for a local college student, recent grad, or anyone with a

farming/fishing/plant background that is passionate about ecological regeneration. For more information, contact Brenden Wagner, CPESC, Restoration Coordinator, Rondout Neversink Stream Program at (845) 985-2581

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022